

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application.

Claim 1. (original) A method for providing an ion-implanted semiconductor substrate comprising:  
providing a semiconductor substrate having coated thereon a relief image of chemically-amplified positive-acting photoresist composition,  
wherein the photoresist comprises a resin that comprises, prior to photoactivation, photoacid-labile moieties that are spaced by at least 1 atom from the resin backbone; and  
applying ions to the substrate.

Claim 2. (original) A method for providing an ion-implanted semiconductor substrate comprising:  
providing a semiconductor substrate having coated thereon a relief image of chemically-amplified positive-acting photoresist composition,  
wherein the photoresist comprises, prior to photoactivation, a resin that comprises units that contain photoacid-labile moieties in an amount of 12 mole percent or less, based on total units of the resin; and  
applying ions to the substrate.

Claim 3. (original) A method for providing an ion-implanted semiconductor substrate comprising:  
providing a semiconductor substrate having coated thereon a relief image of chemically-amplified positive-acting photoresist composition,  
wherein the photoresist comprises, prior to photoactivation, a resin that comprises units that contain photoacid-labile moieties that have multiple covalent linkages to the resin prior to a photoacid-deblocking reaction; and  
applying ions to the substrate.

Claim 4. (original) A method for providing an ion-implanted semiconductor substrate comprising:

providing a semiconductor substrate having coated thereon a relief image of chemically-amplified positive-acting photoresist composition,

wherein the photoresist comprises, prior to photoactivation, one or more components that are covalently linked by a group that can be cleaved by exposure and/or photogenerated acid; and applying ions to the substrate.

Claim 5. (original) A method for providing an ion-implanted semiconductor substrate comprising:

providing a semiconductor substrate having coated thereon a relief image of chemically-amplified positive-acting photoresist composition,

wherein the photoresist comprises, prior to photoactivation, photoacid-labile groups that generate upon photoactivation a cleavage product that comprises 5 or more carbon atoms and/or a single or multiple ring structure; and applying ions to the substrate.

Claim 6. (original) A method for providing an ion-implanted semiconductor substrate comprising:

providing a semiconductor substrate having coated thereon a relief image of chemically-amplified positive-acting photoresist composition,

treating the photoresist composition image thermally or with radiation to remove volatile materials of the photoresist composition; and applying ions to the substrate.

Claim 7. (original) A method for providing an ion-implanted semiconductor substrate comprising:  
providing a semiconductor substrate having coated thereon a relief image of chemically-amplified positive-acting photoresist composition,  
treating the photoresist composition image to provide a coating thereon; and  
applying ions to the substrate.

Claim 8. (original) A coated substrate comprising:  
a semiconductor wafer having coated thereon a relief image of chemically-amplified positive-acting photoresist composition that comprises a resin that comprises, prior to photoactivation, photoacid-labile moieties that are spaced by at least 1 atom from the resin backbone; and  
the wafer having applied dopant ions.

Claim 9. (original) A coated substrate comprising:  
a semiconductor wafer having coated thereon a relief image of chemically-amplified positive-acting photoresist composition that comprises, prior to photoactivation, a resin that comprises units that contain photoacid-labile moieties in an amount of 12 mole percent or less, based on total units of the resin; and  
the wafer having applied dopant ions.

Claim 10. (original) A coated substrate comprising:  
a semiconductor wafer having coated thereon a relief image of chemically-amplified positive-acting photoresist composition that comprises, prior to photoactivation, a resin that comprises units that contain photoacid-labile moieties that have multiple covalent linkages to the resin prior to a photoacid-deblocking reaction; and  
the wafer having applied dopant ions.

Claim 11. (original) A coated substrate comprising:  
a semiconductor wafer having coated thereon a relief image of chemically-amplified positive-acting photoresist composition that comprises, prior to photoactivation, one or more components that are covalently linked by a group that can be cleaved by exposure and/or photogenerated acid; and  
the wafer having applied dopant ions.

Claim 12. (original) A coated substrate comprising:  
a semiconductor wafer having coated thereon a relief image of chemically-amplified positive-acting photoresist composition that comprises, prior to photoactivation, photoacid-labile groups that generate upon photoactivation a cleavage product that comprises 5 or more carbon atoms and/or a single or multiple ring structure; and  
the wafer having applied dopant ions.

Claim 13. (original) A coated substrate comprising:  
a semiconductor wafer having coated thereon a relief image of chemically-amplified positive-acting photoresist composition that is coated; and  
the wafer having applied dopant ions.

Claim 14. (cancelled)

Claim 15. (previously presented) A chemically-amplified positive-acting photoresist composition that comprises:

- i) one or more photoacid generator compounds and
- ii) a resin or component chosen from among  
a resin that comprises units that contain photoacid-labile moieties in an amount of 8 mole percent or less, based on total units of the resin;  
a resin that comprises units that contain photoacid-labile moieties that have multiple

covalent linkages to the resin prior to a photoacid-deblocking reaction;

one or more components that are covalently linked by a group that can be cleaved by exposure and/or photogenerated acid;

a resin that comprises units that contain photoacid-labile moieties in an amount of 8 mole percent or less, based on total units of the resin; and

a resin that comprises units that contain photoacid-labile moieties that have multiple covalent linkages to the resin prior to a photoacid-deblocking reaction.

Claims 16-19. (cancelled)

Claim 20. (new) The method of claim 1 wherein the photoresist composition has been applied to the wafer, exposed to patterned radiation having a wavelength of 248 nm, and developed to provide the relief image.

Claim 21. (new) The method of claim 2 wherein the photoresist composition has been applied to the wafer, exposed to patterned radiation having a wavelength of 248 nm, and developed to provide the relief image.

Claim 22. (new) The method of claim 3 wherein the photoresist composition has been applied to the wafer, exposed to patterned radiation having a wavelength of 248 nm, and developed to provide the relief image.

Claim 23. (new) The method of claim 4 wherein the photoresist composition has been applied to the wafer, exposed to patterned radiation having a wavelength of 248 nm, and developed to provide the relief image.

Claim 24. (new) The method of claim 5 wherein the photoresist composition has been applied to the wafer, exposed to patterned radiation having a wavelength of 248 nm, and

developed to provide the relief image.

Claim 25. (new) The method of claim 6 wherein the photoresist composition has been applied to the wafer, exposed to patterned radiation having a wavelength of 248 nm, and developed to provide the relief image.

Claim 26. (new) The method of claim 7 wherein the photoresist composition has been applied to the wafer, exposed to patterned radiation having a wavelength of 248 nm, and developed to provide the relief image.